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**Lt. Governor to Hold Joint Press Conference
With Head of U. S. Administration on Aging**

(Columbia, S.C.) Lt. Governor André Bauer will welcome U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Aging Josefina Carbonell to Columbia on Monday (October 30) for a joint press conference to announce plans for helping South Carolina's 663,000 Medicare beneficiaries make informed decisions during the first open enrollment period for the Medicare Part D program, which begins November 15.

The press conference will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the South Carolina Pharmacy Association Office, 1350 Browning Road in Columbia. Lt. Governor Bauer, Office on Aging Director Mike Easterday, Pharmacy Association Executive Vice President Carmello Cinqueonce and leaders of other organizations involved in the Medicare Part D outreach effort will speak at the event.

The Lt. Governor's Office on Aging's I-CARE program worked with volunteers from hundreds of agencies, non-profit organizations, community and faith-based groups to provide information to South Carolina Medicare beneficiaries about the new drug benefit during the rollout of the Part D benefit.

Josefina G. Carbonell was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in August 2001. She is the longest serving Assistant Secretary for Aging.

For more information about this event, contact Frank Adams or David Lucas in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging.

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